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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1372

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PINS, SO  
SUBJECT: "FIRST VICE PRESIDENT SAMANTAR"

REF: MOGADISCIO 1350

1. VERNACULAR OCTOBER STAR AUGUST 23 CARRIES CONDOLENCE MESSAGE  
TO FAMILIES VICTIMS RECENT AIR CRASH FROM "FIRST VICE PRESIDENT  
(MADAXWEYNE-KU-XIGEENKA KOWAAD), MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND COMMANDANT  
OF THE SOMALI ARMED FOLFES LIEUTENANT GENERAL MOHAMED ALI SAMANTAR".  
THIS IS FIRST AND, SO FAR, ONLY REFERENCE TO SMANTAR AS "FIRST  
VICE PRESIDENT".

2. GSDR HAS, UNTIL NOW, GONE OUT OF WAY TO AVOID RANKING THREE  
VICE PRESIDENTS. WHEN SIAD OUT OF COUNTRY, VICE PRESIDENT HUSSEIN  
KULMIYE AFAH HAS PERFORMED CHIEF OF STWCE FUNCTIONS. WHEN BOTH  
SIAD AND KULMIYE ABSENT (AS WAS CASE WHEN SIAD IN MOSCOW AND KULMIYE  
IN ITALY LAST SPRING), VICE PRESIDENT ISMAIL ALI ABOKOR  
FILLED IN. BY THIS STANDARD, SAMANTAR WAS APPARENTLY THE  
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MOST JUNIOR OF THE THREE.

3. IN VIEW OF WHAT NOW SEEM RELIABLE REPORTS SIAD'S ILL HEALTH  
WE FIND IT INTERESTING THAT GSDR MOVING TO ASCRIBE SENIORITY  
AMONG VICE PRESIDENTS. PERHAPS REGIME IS SUBTLY ATTEMPTING  
TO DAMPEN SPECULATION ON THE SUCCESSION PROBLEM. HOWEVER,  
IN VIEW OF VERY LIKELY POSSIBILITY THAT, UPON SIAD'S DEATH,  
STATE AND PARTY LEADER POSITIONS WILL NO LONGER FALL TO ONE  
MAN, SAMANTAR'S NEW STATUS, IF THAT'S WHAT IT IS, WILL NOT  
NECESSARILY GUARANTEE HIS PREDOMINANCE IN FUTURE.  
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